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COMMENT OF THE DAY

District Courts

THE District Court Ordinance, given its first reading in Legislative Council last week, is much-needed legislation. Fundamentally it is designed to create new courts that will help to relieve the existing establishment of judges and magistrates in their task of dealing with an ever-increasing volume of criminal and civil litigation. In effect the District Courts will be invested with powers similar to those given to judges sitting in summary jurisdiction in the Supreme Court. But the most interesting provision in the Ordinance is that which permits the transfer of indictable offences from a District Court to a District Court, thus obviating the present necessity for committal proceedings and subsequent hearing at Criminal Sessions. In fact, the new Ordinance gets rid of two anomalies. One is that to date there is no court in the Colony, other than the Supreme Court, with jurisdiction in civil proceedings where the subject matter of the dispute is not of great value; the second, there is no court with jurisdiction and powers of punishment greater than those conferred upon magistrates and less than those endowed in the Supreme Court. Correction of such a situation has been long needed, and that it is one of the principal features of the new legislation is indeed welcome.

It is noted that suitable limitations are placed on the penalties which District Court judges may impose for criminal offences. For example, the maximum term of imprisonment is five years, while any prison sentence imposed in default of payment of a fine must be without hard labour, and must not exceed one year. The provision that trials in the District Court shall be before judges sitting without juries is defended by the argument that to provide for trial by jury in these courts would place a "grave additional" burden on an already over-worked jury list. Moreover, it is contended that to afford the right to elect to be tried by jury would be to introduce something which is not at present available to an accused person. There are no grounds for seriously contesting the "no trial by jury" provision, particularly as the interests of an accused person are protected by his right to appeal against conviction and sentence to a higher court. The Ordinance, in fact, is well conceived, and when implemented will assuredly serve its prime purpose of speeding up the disposal of civil and criminal litigation, and especially of giving greatly needed relief to the over-burdened magistracies.

Rebels To Confiscate French Property

London, Jan. 4. French property is to be confiscated in parts of Indo-China taken over by the Vietnamese, according to a new Vietnamese policy directive quoted tonight by the New China News Agency.

But foreigners in the areas will be asked to continue at work and obey the laws of the Vietnamese authorities, the agency said.

The New China News Agency said the directive had been issued by the "Government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam."

The directive, defining the policy towards areas "newly liberated" from French control, lays down these other points:

RIOTING IN PERSIA

Religious Factions Battle With Communists STORES BURNED AND LOOTED

Teheran, Jan. 4. Religious leaders battled Communists in the Iranian holy city of Qum today and police emergency squads fired over the heads of the rioters in a vain attempt to restore order.

Religious leaders and bands of their followers looted and burned stores and other business houses belonging to members of the Communist Tudeh Party, according to dispatches from Qum, 80 miles south of Teheran.

Rioting had flared sporadically yesterday and erupted with renewed vigour today. By evening the situation was reported to be out of the authorities' control.

The police arrested large numbers of rioters, the dispatches said. There was no clue to the number of injured.

By coincidence or design, violence flared in Teheran at the same time.

Police, swinging clubs, broke up a demonstration by Communist students, who met in defiance of a ban imposed after they had stoned the cars of United States Point Four officials last Tuesday.

The police charged and injured a few students and hauled some to headquarters for questioning and cooling-off. The youths retaliated by calling a strike of all University students for Monday, to back demands for repeal of the new Charter and the right to strike legally.

IRAN'S 'RED DEAN'

Rioting flared at Qum when Ayatollah Borgher, Moslem religious leader who is called Iran's "Red Dean," returned from the Communist "Peace" congress in Vienna.

The town, which has a population of 40,000, is a stronghold of the Moslem faith. It has many tombs of saints and other religious persons and among these is the Shrine of Fatima, sister of the Imam Riza. Large numbers of pilgrims flock to the town to see the mausoleums of at least 10 kings and 400 saints who are buried in and around Qum.

Members of the Fidaayan Islam, religious fanatics, and other religious groups were said to have incited the riots. They demanded the ouster of the "Red Dean" and his clique.

The first violence came when religious groups attacked a convoy of cars bearing the "Dean" and his cohorts to Qum. The convoy was flanked by Communists, who countered by hurling stones and flailing the attackers with clubs.

Police squads struggled to bring the rioters under control by firing over their heads and arresting large numbers.

In Teheran, the Defence Ministry transferred 15,000 soldiers to the gendarmerie.

forces. They will patrol nefarious areas where widespread breaches of security were reported lately.

In another effort to stem the spread of Communism, the government has decided to distribute 100,000 hectares of land to tenants. Earlier, the Shah had distributed some Royal lands to farmers in small holdings.

PREVENTIVE BILL

Parliament is torn by one of the frequent struggles between the Premier, Dr. Mohammed Mossadegh, and dissidents who quit his party, the National Front. Fifteen dissidents have introduced a bill to prevent Dr. Mossadegh from invoking emergency powers to dissolve the Majlis or lower House. Ten pro-government deputies walked out when the debate began later in the day, preventing immediate action on the measure for lack of a quorum.

The Finance Minister, Mr. Bagher Kazemi, presented to the Majlis the budget for the next fiscal year. It foreshadowed a deficit estimated at 2,500,000,000 rials or US\$33,000,000. Mr. Kazemi previously had announced that the budget would be balanced despite lack of oil revenue. Last night, Dr. Mossadegh unexpectedly added to the budget, under the heading "Development Projects," 2,500,000,000 rials.—United Press.

Bus Drivers Reject Offer

New York, Jan. 4. Striking New York bus drivers unanimously voted today to reject Mayor Vincent Impellitteri's proposal for settling their strike against private bus lines.

Then the 8,200 drivers heard Mr. Michael Quill, President of the Transport Workers Union, call for them to march on the City Hall on Tuesday in a mass demonstration.

Mr. Quill said underground railway workers and other city transport employees were being warned to resist efforts to speed up transport on Monday in order to handle heavy loads because of the strike on private lines.—Reuter.

Churchill To Be Honoured

Kingston, Jan. 5. Mr. Winston Churchill will be made the first Freeman of the city of Kingston, capital of Jamaica, when he visits the island shortly.

Kingston celebrated its 150th anniversary last November, when the Mayor and City Council created a symbolic "Key to the City" to award to distinguished visitors and residents at an appropriate ceremony.

The opportunity will be taken to honour Mr. Churchill during his two weeks' holiday visit to the island, due to begin on Friday.—Reuter.

Gun Fight In Cafe

Houston, Texas, Jan. 4.

Four North Texans fought a gun battle from behind overturned cafe tables here last night, three men dying and a fourth being wounded.

When the scene cleared the police had difficulty deciding who shot whom. They brought a ballistic expert to make tests of the bullets taken from the dead men.—Reuter.

Irate Phone Subscribers To Continue Boycott

Nicosia, Cyprus, Jan. 4.

A special meeting of representative telephone subscribers here today urged a continuation of the island's telephone boycott in protest against double charges for calls and decided to call a rally of all subscribers for next Tuesday in Nicosia.

About 50 per cent of telephone subscribers in the main towns had their instruments disconnected on Friday after failing to sign a new agreement with Cable and Wireless, Limited, doubling the former call charges, which came to force at the New Year.

The boycott was called by the municipalities of the main towns.

Today's meeting called by the Mayor of Nicosia and attended by delegates from the island's political parties, trades unions, chambers of commerce, newspapers and other organisations, passed a unanimous resolution "rigorously opposing" the new charges.

PROTEST TO GOVT

It also registered a protest against "the government's willingness to award a 20-year monopoly to the company" and to accept the higher rates as logical.

An official statement published yesterday said that the existing telephone contract held by Cable and Wireless would expire on March 31, 1953.

It added that in the new contract now being negotiated the fixing and variation of charges would be subject to government approval.

"But as telephone charges must essentially depend on the costs of running the service it is not expected that any material modification of the company's new charges will be possible," it declared.

Today, about 25 per cent of the subscribers were still disconnected.—Reuter.

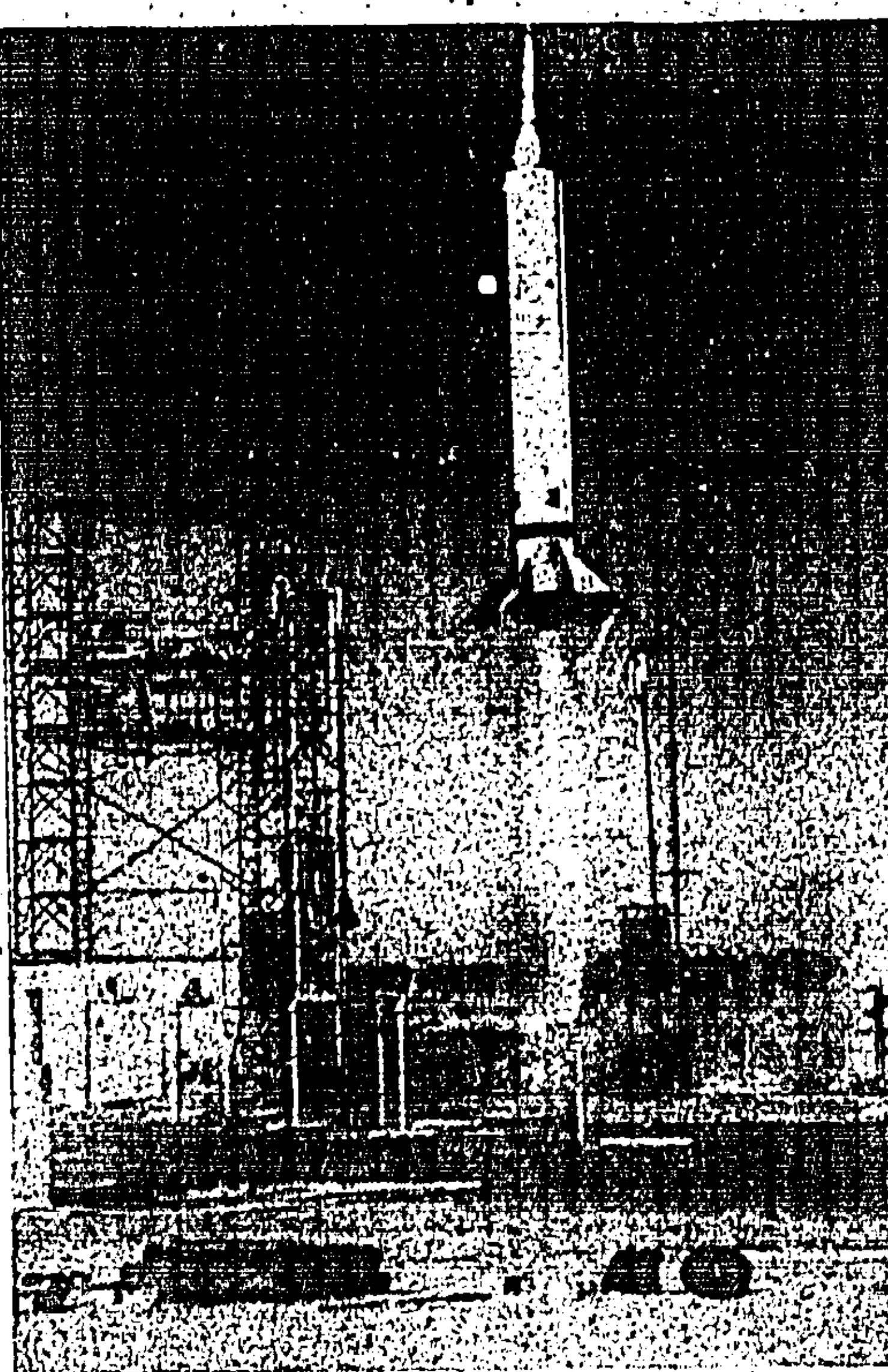
Ex-Nazi Gravely Injured

Kiel, Jan. 4. The former admiral under Hitler's regime, Herman Boehm, and his wife were seriously injured in an accident today when their car skidded on ice and collided with a bus, killing the ex-admiral's driver instantly.

The accident occurred near here.

Boehm, who was the last German navy commander in Norway and his wife were rushed to a hospital where they were both considered to be in a very grave condition.

Boehm sent an appeal in 1951 to the President of the United Nations Assembly asking that admiral Raeder and Doenitz, sentenced for war crimes, should be released from their prison at Spandau in Berlin.—France-Press.



The United States Navy's Martin Viking No. 9 High Altitude Research Rocket starts off on its way to equal the existing record climb. When the fuel was spent, the 7½-ton missile was travelling at 3,900 miles an hour.—London Express.

Singapore Strike

Settlement May Soon Be Reached

Singapore, Jan. 5. Hopes rose today for a settlement of the Singapore Naval Base's eight-day old strike, as representatives of 10,000 striking Navy workers prepared to meet with the Governor, Sir John Nicoll.

A four-man delegation of the Naval Base Labour Union was scheduled to meet at the Government House this morning for the discussion of the Government's proposal made at Saturday's meeting that the Union ask the British Trade Union Congress in London to pick an arbitrator.

Sir John Nicoll's suggestion was a compromise between the Union's insistence for setting up a local arbitration court and the Admiralty's offer to send an arbitrator from England to settle the strike, which has made a virtual graveyard of Singapore's huge shipyard for the past week.

RESPOND TO APPEAL

Meanwhile, 52 striking Naval hospital workers planned to return to their jobs today following an appeal from the base authorities that continuation of the strike would endanger the lives of more than a score of Asian patients.

Whether the strike would be called off and the dispute referred to arbitration appeared to depend on the outcome of today's meeting with the Governor.

Although some government officials had hopes for a settlement, Union leader B. Sithiah remained firm that there would be no general return to work unless agreement on the industrial court issue was reached.

The Naval workers are striking for partly in wages and working conditions with Singapore government workers.—United Press.

Going Up, And Up

Landowner Ambushed, Murdered

Assiut, Egypt, Jan. 4.

Bishai Ghail, whose son, Rind Ghail, married King Farouk's sister, Princess Fathia, was assassinated in his home town near here today.

Two murderers have been arrested and a third man is sought by the police.

Bishai Ghail was killed after a dispute over a small plot of land, the police said.

His son, Rind, commoner husband of Princess Fathia, is in San Francisco.

The Egyptian Prime Minister, General Mohammed Naguib, tonight telegraphed Rind his condolences and assured him that "justice will take its full course."

POSSESSION DISPUTE

Bishai Ghail was ambushed as he returned home in his car early today after his daily round of his land.

Ghail, a Coptic landowner, had been in dispute with another local farmer over the possession of two acres of land.

Police said the other farmer and two of his hands laid the ambush, hiding at the roadside and opening fire from both sides of the road outside a village.

Rind Ghail was married to Princess Fathia, now 21, in defiance of Prince Farouk, then King of Egypt, at a civil ceremony in San Francisco in 1950.

Farouk then signed a decree annulling the marriage and depriving her of all her royal titles and privileges.

But a month later the couple were married at a Moslem ceremony in San Francisco.—Reuter.

CARGO VESSEL IN DISTRESS

Algiers, Jan. 4. The Panamanian liberty-type vessel, Ranger, was today sending out distress signals which were heard at Fort De Leau radio station in Algiers.

The 7,200-ton cargo vessel, built in 1944, was making for Gibraltar and at the time the signals were received, she was off the coast of Spain.

It was understood that the ship was in a dangerous condition.—France-Press.

Kikuyu Chief Shot Dead In Hospital Bed

Nairobi, Jan. 4. Three Kikuyu tribesmen walked into the government hospital at Kiambu, near Nairobi, tonight and shot dead a Kikuyu Chief in bed.

The Chief was Hinga Hinga. The three Kikuyus—the tribe from which the Mau Mau terrorist society draws its support—then walked out of the hospital.

The Chief was in hospital recovering from an ambush by Kikuyus in his own locality last month. In that ambush on December 27 near the main Nairobi-Nalvasha road, one bullet passed through his hat, another hit his wrist and a third struck his cheek knocking out two teeth.

The Chief stopped his car, which was being driven by an African, reported to the police and helped them in their investigations before being taken to Kiambu hospital.

The Kenya Government today seized 4,000 heads of livestock belonging to African farm workers—near a farm where two British settlers were murdered—after declaring the district a prohibited area.

Two people have been arrested in connection with the murders of the two British farmers on New Year's night, at a farm about 50 miles northwest of Nairobi.

The prohibited area covers part of the Aberdare Forest Reserve and the Aberdare National Park, several hundred square miles of heavily wooded country in the centre of a ring of European farms.

INTO CAMPS

Nobody will be allowed in the area without permission and all African families will be moved immediately into settlement camps.

Mr. Michael Blundell, leader of the European members in the Colony's Legislature, discussed anti-Mau Mau measures with the Governor, Sir Evelyn Baring, during the weekend, it was understood tonight.

Other measures discussed, it was understood, were for better control of the Kikuyu tribesmen—from which the Mau Mau are said to draw its supporters—throughout the rural area of the white highlands, site of many European farms.

Mr. Blundell advised people either to disown their Kikuyu servants or lock them out of the house before nightfall.

"They must always carry their firearms so that at any moment in all circumstances they are ready to defend themselves," he said.

Mr. Blundell paid tribute to the courage of the two white women who routed a gang which attacked them with swords on their farm on Friday night, shooting three dead and wounding another.

The police have arrested a houseboy at the farm for alleged complicity in the raid. It was made clear today that the man who was shot and wounded in the raid was not the Chief.

Junk Given As Xmas Gifts

London, Jan. 4. Canon L. J. Collins, Chancellor of St. Paul's Cathedral, dangled a pair of old socks "unwashed and so worn and darned that they would hardly bear another stitch" over the pulpit today and said some people had "used the Cathedral Christmas Tree Fund 'to turn out their lumber room as though anything was good enough for the poor'."

"I could show you hundreds of other things like that handed in by people who thought that any old junk would do because it was for poor children and poor old people, who cannot afford to buy the nice things of this world."

After the service, a reporter found a verger sorting through hundreds of articles, including old boots and brushes, hat decorations and the odd shoe of a child.—Reuter.

STOCKINGS DISINTEGRATE

Stockholm, Jan. 4. Two women walking down Stockholm's "Queen Street," a busy shopping centre, yesterday saw their nylon stockings shrivel up on their legs and fall to the ground in withered shreds.

Scientists said a smoking chimney and the hard frost had had "a chemically disastrous effect on the stockings."

Motorboat Sinks: Eighty Drowned

Manila, Jan. 5. More than 80 people were drowned when a small motorboat carrying 170 passengers sank on Friday in rough weather off Cebu Island, central Philippines, according to reports reaching here today.

The victims were mostly school teachers and their families homeward bound from one of the year holidays.—Reuter.

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Wendy Richardson, aged 4, of Stroud Green, North London, tries out a money box in the shape of a crown, one of 557 designs so far approved by the Council of Industrial Design's Coronation Souvenirs Committee.—Reuterphoto.

Civil Benefits Of Atomic Energy A Disappointment

New York, Jan. 4.

The Bulletin of Atomic Scientists, American scientific magazine, complained today that civil benefits of atomic energy had fallen "far short of popular expectation."

The supply of radio isotopes for the main boon of atomic energy to science and industry had been abundant, it said.

The magazine, whose board of advisers include the atom scientist, Dr Robert Oppenheimer, and Professor Albert Einstein, said the increase in the military terror of atom weapons had multiplied tenfold since atomic energy was first used. The magazine said the first atomic power plants might be ready in two or three years. But they would either be devoted entirely to military use, as with the atomic submarine, or owe their existence to military products, such as the production of plutonium to the government.

The magazine went on: "Ten years after Hiroshima, the world presents a picture not of progress toward co-operation but of tremendous strife, fanned by the primitive lust for power and by mass passions of nationalism, class and race hatred, envy and suspicion." Fear of atomic destruction, while giving no hope that an all-out war would be permanently avoided, permitted "an unstable state of world tension to exist much longer than would have seemed possible in the past."

"We may thus have more time for reflecting and for the slow building up of a national society than many people are inclined to believe," it said.

THE H-BOMB

Another article in the Bulletin concluded that the devastating blast at Eniwetok Atoll last November was caused by a second-stage hydrogen-type bomb more than twice as powerful as the improved atomic bomb.

The Bulletin said the United States might have exploded its first H-Bomb material in the test at Eniwetok 20 months ago, and that the November detonation "must have been" a follow-up experiment, in which the amount of H-Bomb material was somewhat increased.

Dr Eugene Rabinowitch, Editor of the Bulletin, who wrote the article, based it on public announcements by the Defense Department, the Atomic Energy Commission, and eyewitness reports on last November's Eniwetok tests published in American newspapers, Reuter.

WORLD'S HUNGRIEST MAN

Issues Challenge To A "Duel"

Frankfurt, Jan. 3.

The world's hungriest man, who has eaten no solid food since October 25, has challenged the present world fasting champion to a "duel" in New York.

He is Willi Schmitz, professionally known as Heros, who intends to continue without food until next week. He hopes to equal or break the record of 76 days claimed by Jack Water, Irish-born hypnotist, at Brighton last year.

(Italian "Enkir" Reikan emerged from a glass coffin in southeast Italy on Thursday and claimed that he had set up a new record of 77 days and one hour).

Schmitz, 52, said he would like to meet Water in New York "under equal conditions." He said Water lived on Coca-Cola and cigarettes during his attempt but Schmitz drank only mineral water which he claimed was less nourishing than Coca-Cola. He too has smoked cigarettes.

Schmitz said he once was Germany's amateur heavy-weight boxing and wrestling champion. Since entering his four metres glass cell here on October 25, he has lost 65 pounds. Now though nearly six feet high, he weighs only 90 pounds.

The glass cell was last opened on December 30 for a medical examination which revealed that Heros was suffering a swelling of the kidneys and had a temperature. It will not be opened again until he comes out.—Reuter.

Indian Teachers Walk Out

New Delhi, Jan. 4.

Nearly 13,000 teachers in the schools of India's East Punjab went on strike today, demanding better pay and allowances. Some members of the Teachers' Union, including women, have announced they will begin a hunger strike on January 11 unless their demands are met. The strike affects the education of half a million youths.—Associated Press.

POLISH REGIME APPEASES THE PEASANTS

Restores Open Market For Farm Produce

Paris, Jan. 4.

The Polish Government's decree abolishing rationing and re-establishing an open market for agricultural produce follows similar decisions recently taken in other East European countries and is probably due to the same causes and aimed at the same results.

In these countries, as in Poland, strict rationing and a price system on agricultural products controlled by the State have resulted in a constant diminishing of deliveries by farmers and in inflationary price increases of products sold on the market.

The Yugoslav Government was the first to abolish the food supply system adopted after the liberation of Yugoslavia. The Tito Government took this step to encourage farmers to increase their production and to sell produce they had previously held back owing to their dissatisfaction with official prices.

Marshal Tito's initiative, taken in November 1951, was violently criticised by the Soviet bloc countries whose Press interpreted it as proof of capitalism's return.

However, following the rapid results obtained by Yugoslavia, the Hungarian Government, which was also experiencing food supply difficulties, took similar steps the same month.

After several weeks of uncertainty, Hungarian prices were stabilised at the beginning of 1952 on over 700 food products and on 50 per cent of industrial articles and various services.

STANDARDS DROP

Even taking into account wage increases from 15 to 21 per cent provided for in those decrees, it was considered that the living standard of wage earners in the towns dropped by 40 per cent following the end of the rationing.

This drop was to some extent compensated in Yugoslavia and in Hungary by the easing of the market and the revival of the economic life resulting from the liberation from rationing.

The results obtained in Hungary appeared to have encouraged the Bulgarian Government to declare, at the same time as the monetary reform in May last year, similar steps for market liberalisation.

In Poland, difficulties in goods supplies have worsened since 1951. A decree promulgated last July, with the aim of compelling farmers to deliver their goods to the State, did not have the expected results.

Information coming from Poland indicated that the scarcity of certain products, especially meat, cooking fats and potatoes, had assumed alarming proportions by last Autumn and had repercussions on the productivity of industrial workers.

MAJOR CONCESSION

The Warsaw Government, in an article published on October 13 last, mentioned the difficulties experienced by the population. It declared that the militia was not sufficient to bring an end to scarcity of food products.

The paper added that they had to depend on the militia by putting one militiaman behind each farmer.

The article denied at the same time the rumour circulating in Polish towns that the scarcity had been caused by the export of agricultural products to the Soviet Union. Observers here said that the Polish decree of January 3, like those of the other countries after which it was modelled, was an appeasement move and an important concession to the peasants of whom only a relatively small number belonged to production co-operatives.

These peasants will now be able to sell freely on the open market their surplus production and receive in exchange a larger part of the national revenue in the form of manufactured goods.—France-Press.

Took Matters Into Their Own Hands

Rio de Janeiro, Jan. 4.

Commuters, angered by a breakdown of service, rioted in Rio's Pedra Station last night. Two persons were killed in the ensuing scrap with police and troops. Several others were hurt.

Passengers, indignant over two to three-hour waits for trains to the suburbs, began dismantling station facilities and even trains. Police used tear gas to quell them and the riot burst out in full force, continuing for an hour before it was put down by soldiers.

The Brazil Central Railway, which serves a half million riders in Rio's suburbs, recently transferred a number of its trains to Sao Paulo. Others have been immobilised by a shortage of replacement parts.—Associated Press.

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Vyshinsky Says Farewell To U.S.



A grim-visaged Andrei Vyshinsky, Soviet Foreign Minister, speaks into the microphone at Pier 88, New York harbour, as he is about to board the French liner Liberte to go home. M. Vyshinsky termed the United Nations an "unsatisfactory instrument of peace"—but wished the American people a happy Christmas. — Express Photo.

PILOT PUTS OUT FIRE.

New York, Jan. 4. A National Airlines chartered DC-6B plane with 52 passengers and a crew of four made a precautionary landing at Winston-Salem, North Carolina, early today after a fire in the plane's No. 4 engine had been extinguished, the company announced.

The plane left Idlewild Airport at 10.05 p.m. yesterday and was en route to Ziaozig, Mississippi, when the fire broke out.

Captain Dale Southard and his co-pilot, T. Sudlow, put out the fire with extinguishers, but the Captain decided to make the landing a precautionary measure.

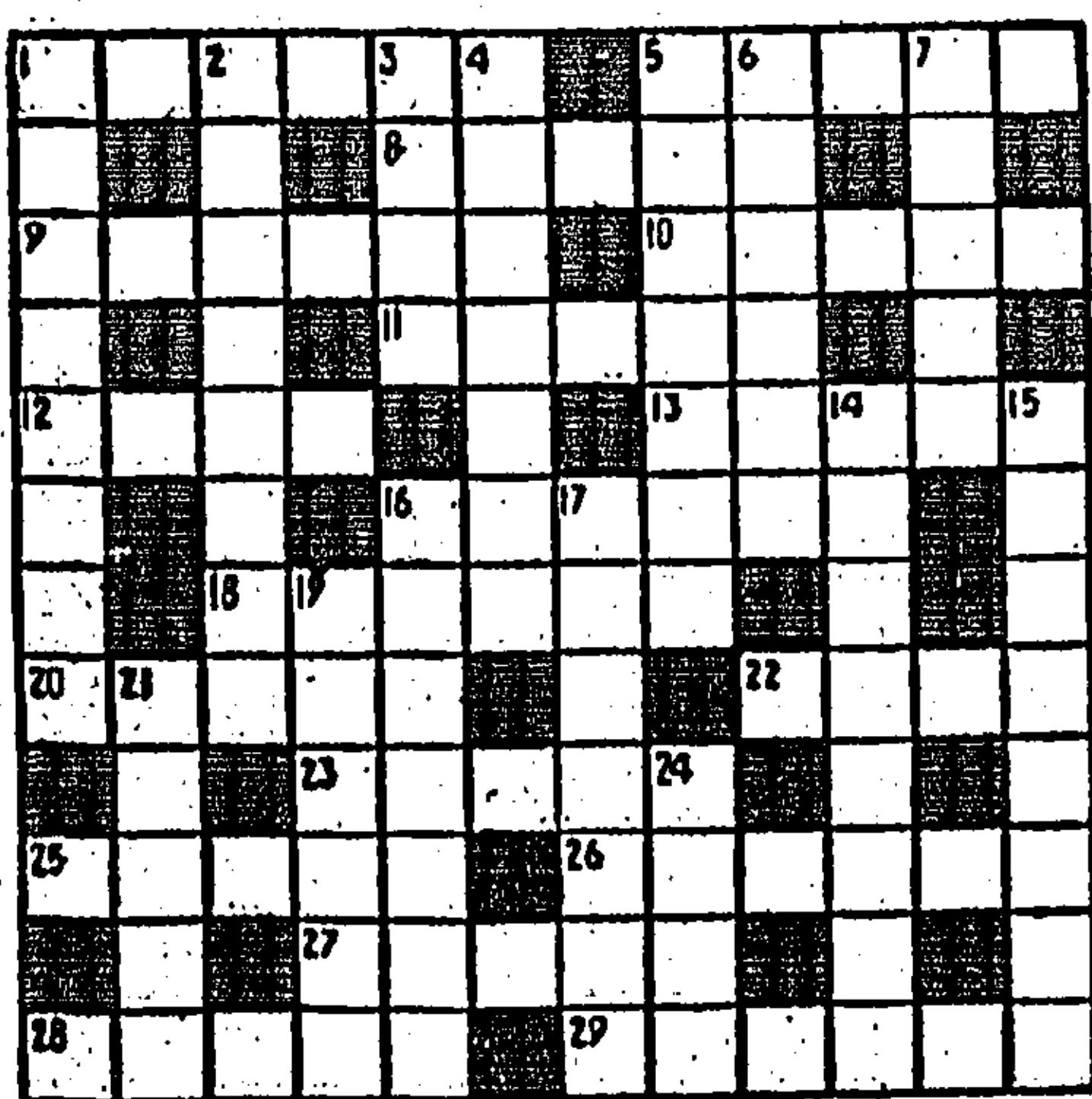
At Idlewild Airport, it was said that the plane had been chartered to carry army personnel who had holiday leave. — Associated Press.

GAITSKELL AS LECTURER

London, Jan. 4. Mr. Hugh Gaitskell, former Labour Chancellor of the Exchequer, left here by air tonight for Jerusalem where he is to give three lectures on economics at the Hebrew University.

He will also meet Israel Government officials and visit Jordan, Syria and the Lebanon. Mr. Gaitskell will be away from London for two weeks, described his visit as purely academic. — Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
1 Grant (6).
2 Fup (6).
3 Pattern (6).
4 Mead (6).
5 Defect (6).
6 Feature (6).
7 Land measure (4).
8 Yielded (6).
9 Scott at (6).
10 Collection of crockery (6).
11 Severe (6).
12 Spoken (4).
13 Once more (5).
14 Bring about (6).
15 Sever (6).
16 Went wrong (6).
17 Ecstasy (5).
18 Felt (6).

DOWN
1 Advantageous purchases (6).
2 Apart (6).
3 Fall to include (4).
4 Horrors (7).
5 Shortage (7).
6 Highly pleased (6).
7 Healing ointment (5).
8 Debases (6).
9 Announced (6).
10 Parle (7).
11 Amends (7).
12 Rubs out (6).
13 Track (5).
14 Naked (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 3 Pair, 7 Stole, 8 Arise, 9 Less, 10 Meander, 12 Plan, 15 Grate, 16 Deep, 19 Lends, 21 Answer, 22 Fame, 23 State, 26 Duty, 29 Eternal, 30 Apex, 31 Dear, 32 Allen, 33 Dash. Down: 1 Strow, 2 Plunges, 4 Alert, 5 Rump, 6 Fuma, 8 Leaps, 11 Dress, 13 Lone, 14 Nose, 16 Elastic, 17 Laid, 18 Dart, 20 Emerald, 24 Fats, 24 Teems, 25 Waver, 27 Used, 28 Yard.

Zionists Accused By East Germany

Berlin, Jan. 4. East Germany today accused the United States and world Zionism of trying to drive a fifth column wedge into the "people's democracies."

The accusation came six weeks after the big Czech treason trial of 14 top Communists—nine of Jewish origin—in which Zionism was attacked for the first time by an East European nation.

A 9,000-word report published by the Central Committee of the East German Socialist Unity (Communist) party and headed: "Lessons of the Slansky Conspiracy," charged two former leading German Communists—Paul Merker and Kurt Mueller—with working for the American and British secret services.

Paul Merker, reported arrested in East Germany last month, is a pre-war Politburo member of the Communist party and a friend of Marshal Stalin in the early days of Communism.

Kurt Mueller was a Communist Deputy in the Bundestag (Lower House of the West German Parliament) and a member of the Central Committee of the West German Communist party until he was kidnapped and taken into East Germany in 1950.

He is believed to be awaiting trial in an East German prison. The report, printed in the party newspaper, Neues Deutschland, called for unremitting vigilance and criticism from top to bottom, regardless of personalities, to steer the party to Moscow's central line.

It called for an investigation into those Communists who spent the Hitler era and war-time in the Western hemisphere. It warned the party against Zionism, and other influences backed by "American imperialists," which it claimed, was still trying to form a fifth column in Eastern Europe by putting Titoists, Zionists and "go slow" Communists into high positions. — Reuter.

Rangoon, Jan. 5. Japan's Social Democratic Party's Leftwing delegates to the Asian Socialist Conference opening here on Tuesday are understood to have smuggled into Burma a film on the atom bombing of Hiroshima to show to fellow-delegates.

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American Moves For Reduction Of Tariffs

Washington, Jan. 4. United States protective trade tariffs, which are creating resentment abroad, will be subjected to a high-priority review by the new Republican Administration.

But even now powerful business interests, facing shrinking markets in Europe and elsewhere because of dollar shortages abroad, are demanding that tariffs be lowered to permit overseas Allies to earn more dollars through exports to the United States market.

They are throwing their influential weight behind the European proposals for more trade, rather than aid from the United States.

These proposals are also assured of support from leading economists and nearly all government officials connected with international trade.

President-elect Dwight Eisenhower himself has indicated his opposition to trade restrictions and is virtually certain to advocate more liberal trade policies when he assumes the Presidential office on January 20.

But all this does not necessarily mean that tariffs will be lowered or import quota restrictions dropped.

It is actually realized that before any substance can be given to the "Trade, not Aid" slogan, the powerful opposition of the trade "protectionists" in Congress to the idea of open markets must first be overcome.

Formidable blocs of Congressmen, mostly in the Republican ranks, can be expected to rally under the "Buy American" banner to shield many domestic industries from the impact of increased foreign competition encouraged by tariff reductions.

There is some belief that changes in the world situation, Soviet bids for European trade and the prospects of a trade war which would mean heavy losses to American producers, may have led a number of Republicans to reconsider the value of protectionist policies.

Today the trade issue is receiving high-powered attention because of its political as well as economic implications.

Basically it comes down to this: Unless Europe is permitted to earn export dollars she must cut down her purchases from the United States and seek markets elsewhere—and the Soviet Union is dangling what appears to be attractive trade offers.

The alternative is for the United States to continue substantial dollar grants to her Allies to keep their industries working.

But the American public is growing tired of the foreign aid programmes and the annual "handouts" of thousands of millions of dollars. The Republican Party is pledged to make drastic cuts in the dollar-aid programme.

Thus it is assured by the free trade advocates that there will be considerable support in Congress for any project which promises to lessen European dependence on grants-in-aid such as the greater trade idea.

Even when Congress was controlled by the free-trade Democratic Party, the protectionist blocs in the House and Senate blocked other measures designed to help outside nations to sell more goods in the dollar market.

The new Congress which will have the final say on whether Europe may sell more or less goods here, is dominated by the Republican Party, traditionally known as the "high tariff" party.

The change-over in Congressional control which followed the elections last November, caused fears in Europe that the plans of many domestic industries for greater tariff protection would now receive greater consideration.

But some Congressional experts are not prepared to share this pessimistic view.

The large cotton and tobacco interests, for example, are alarmed over reductions in their business and are staunch backers of any project which would provide Europe with funds to continue buying American cotton and tobacco.

Farm organizations which have a big export business are not aware of the implications in projects put before the British Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference recently to boost food production and thus reduce dollar purchases of American food-stuffs.

Criticism of the nation's tariff barriers is receiving considerable press publicity here. But the protectionists are pointing out, with some accuracy, that most of the more vocal advocates of lower tariffs are business interests whose products are not subjected to any large extent to foreign competition in the home market.

Congressional records also show that many Congressmen who pay lip-service to free trade principles can be persuaded to vote for protectionist legislation when the interests of their home states are involved.

In this situation, responsible Washington authorities are not yet prepared to make any firm predictions as to what the new Congress will do about the "trade not aid" proposals. — Reuter.

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NYLON OUTPUT TREBLES

New York, Jan. 4. Nylon production in the United States has trebled in the last six years but the fibre still remains under "tight rationing," the National Industrial Conference Board, a private businessmen's research organization, reported today.

In a study on the increasing use of nylon, the Board said current nylon production was estimated at about 180 million lb. a year, well above "the estimated 115 million lb. turned out in 1931 and the under 100 million lb. rate before the Korean War."

The Board notes that the contemplated expansion in nylon facilities, plus new capacity currently under construction, would increase the output rate to well over 200 million lb. annually in 1953, the report said.

A recent forecast by the President's Materials Policy Commission placed demand for nylon at 300 million lb. in 1960, with an expected rise to 800 million lb. by 1970.

"Findings indicate that a large part of the rapidly growing output has been going into military items. In 1951 half of all nylon woven fabrics were finished against military contracts, mainly for parachute cloth," — Reuter.

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The Positions Reversed

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This extra help follows the recent North Atlantic Council statement reaffirming support of Atlantic Treaty countries for the French in Indo-China.

British official circles believe the French forces are dealing adequately with the situation though at heavy cost. They do not think there is any alarming deterioration in the general position.

The question of further aid to French forces in Indo-China is expected to be discussed in Washington by representatives of the British, French and United States Chiefs of Staff.

There is no question of Britain or the United States sending troops to the area. The French fear that the employment of foreign troops would provide greater Chinese support for the rebels. — Reuter.

Indo-China may become second on the list of United States aid priorities, according to a copyright report in today's Observer.

The paper's diplomatic correspondent added that Korea would take third place and the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation third place in such an eventually. — Reuter.

INDIAN SCHEME
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Coronation Year Special: A Review of the Role of the Queen and the Monarchy

ELIZABETH'S HERITAGE

The Crown's Part In The Business Of Government

By the distinguished historian
Sir CHARLES PETRIE

ALREADY the fiercest light is being turned upon our young Queen and her office. Everything that she says or does is news, not only in the British Isles but everywhere outside the Iron Curtain. She will be criticised on this ground or on that, and only she herself can take a realistic view of her position.

At home she will tend to be regarded primarily as the Queen of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, but she can never forget that in Canada, Australia, and New Zealand she is looked upon in those countries as their Queen too.

Thus Queen Elizabeth II is already realising the truth of Napoleon's remark that monarchs are always on the stage, and this is especially the case in a Royal Family with traditions like our own.

The people are looking to the Throne as never before for guidance in their own lives, and so they are examining the conduct of its occupant the

more closely. They feel, too, instinctively that the young Queen sympathises with their difficulties, and they are right; but it is not easy for her to bridge the gulf that must necessarily lie between her and them.

Not long ago I was in a bookshop when a foreigner entered and asked for a copy of the British Constitution, only to be extremely surprised when he was told that such a thing did not exist. Yet he was not to be blamed for his ignorance, since in almost every other country in the world the Constitution is written, and copies are readily obtainable in the shops.

In Britain, on the other hand, there is no such thing as a written Constitution, and this naturally tends to make more difficult the task of those who have to work it.

Few Clashes

THERE are, it is true, one or two Acts of Parliament resulting from the Revolution of 1688 which specify certain things that the Sovereign may not do, and which exclude certain people from the succession to the Throne, but that is all.

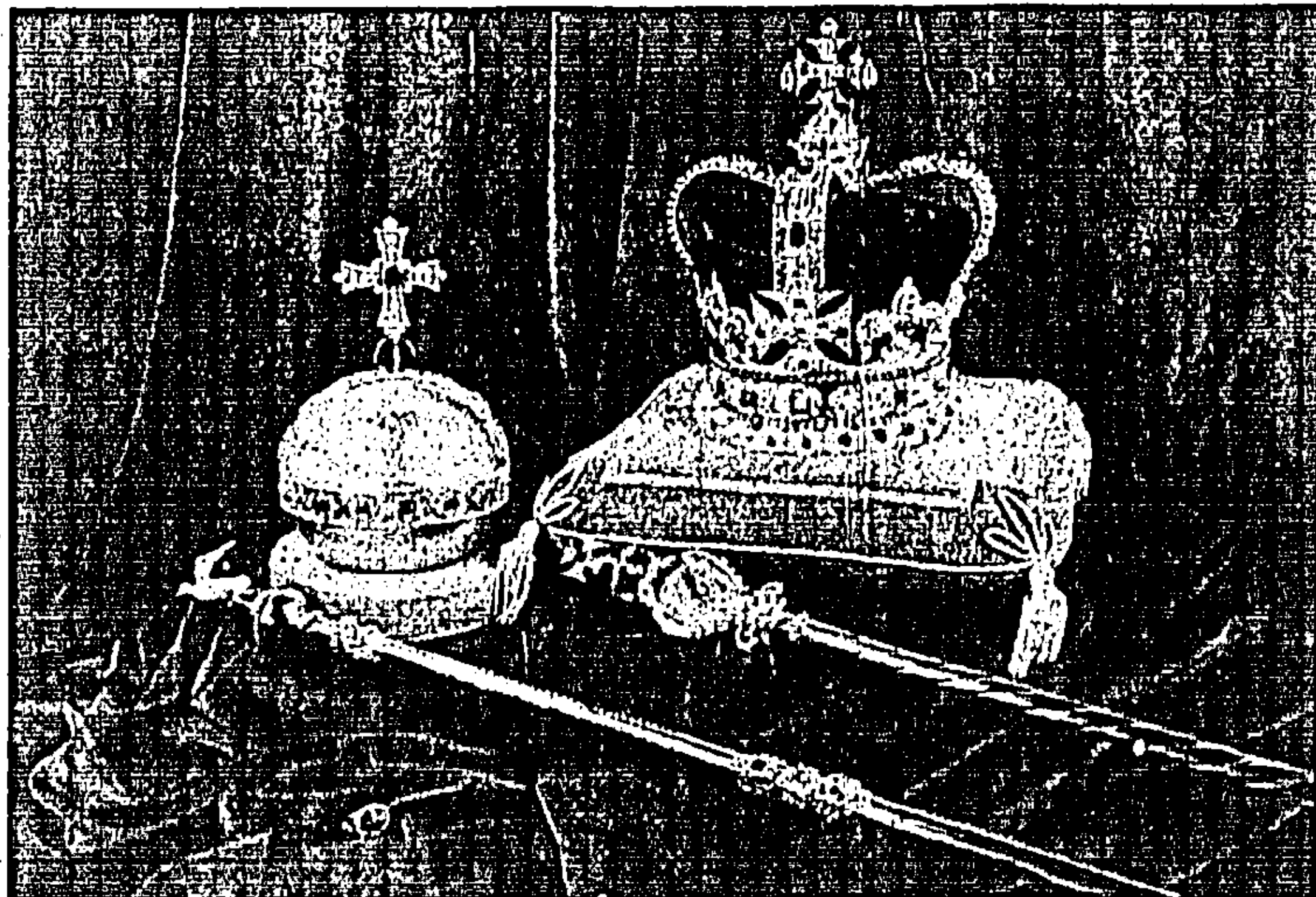
of government in Ottawa and Canberra as in London. If a republic were put in its place the result would be that the British Commonwealth of Nations would fall apart, and anarchy on a large scale might easily follow. This is not just monarchist propaganda, but is a sober statement of fact.

It is obvious that in these circumstances the personality of the King or Queen is of the first importance, and during recent reigns Britain has been extremely fortunate in this respect.

In replying to the toast of the Royal Family at a public dinner as long ago as 1893, the Prince Consort, husband of Queen Victoria, said: "In the progress of the Royal Family through life is reflected, as it were, the progress of the generation to which they belong, and out of the common sympathy felt for them arises an additional bond of union among the people themselves."

It is just because they do keep in touch with their contemporaries that they are able to fulfil the duties of their high office so admirably.

The Sovereign must always exercise the greatest care that



St Edward's Crown (shown above) is the Crown of England and is the Crown with which all our Monarchs have normally been crowned. Also seen is the Orb, which is placed in the Sovereign's right hand immediately after donning the Royal Robe; the Sceptre with Cross, or Royal Sceptre, which is placed in the Sovereign's right hand at the Coronation; the Sceptre with Dove and the Sovereign's Ring. The last is the Sovereign's personal property. (Crown Copyright Reserved)

For the rest, the business of government so far as the Crown is concerned, depends on convention and precedent, while the personality of the monarch and his or her Ministers plays no small part. There is no fetter of their respective rights and duties, and it speaks volumes for English common sense that there have been so few clashes in modern times.

One is inclined to take for granted the smooth working of the Constitution in normal circumstances, and to forget that this is only achieved by eternal vigilance, not least on the part of the Crown, which often has to moderate the bitterness of party strife to achieve this result.

For example, when Mr. Balfour's Conservative Government resigned in 1905, King Edward VII asked the retiring Chief Secretary for Ireland, the late Mr. Walter Russell, to see his Liberal successor and discuss the problem of Irish administration with him.

"I know," said the King, "when governments change, the outgoing Ministers do not treat their successors in the same way as they would if it was a mere change of office under the same government and they were to be followed by members of their own party. This is, of course, natural, and as a rule no doubt right, but the case of Ireland is an exceptional one."

Mr. Russell readily fell in with the King's suggestion, and spent two long mornings with Mr. Bryce, who was succeeding him. It is no exaggeration to say that the Crown is the pivot on which the whole British Constitution turns. One has only to glance through the newspaper almost any day in the week to see how many things are done in the name of the Sovereign, from the appointment of Cabinet Ministers, bishops, and judges down to relatively minor points. The same is true of the self-governing Dominions and the Colonial Empire, for the Crown is every bit as important overseas as it is at home.

Such being the case the monarchy concerns every British subject in whatever part of the world he or she lives, and it is as vital a part of the machinery

he does not even appear to take sides in any of the questions that may from time to time divide his subjects. As Charles I. rightly observed: "The English nation are a sober people," but there are occasions when they lose their heads, and it is at such moments that their monarchs have to be most careful.

The great strength of the Throne is the belief of the ordinary man in the street that the monarch is an impartial umpire, and any suspicion that such is not the case would do untold harm.

That this has so rarely happened is not the least of the tributes that must be paid to Queen Victoria and her successors, and in the difficult task which lies before her our present Queen can thus draw confidence from the success of the last four generations of her ancestors.

Family Background

WHEN on June 6 last, for the first time for more than 50 years, the band played "God Save the Queen," on the Horse Guards Parade as the Colour of the Scots Guards was trooped for those who remembered an earlier Queen many a dominant memory was stirred.

When Queen Elizabeth II rode on to the parade-ground the upmost feeling in the minds of the thousands of spectators was that she represented hope for the future.

She seemed in a materialistic age to symbolise youth and service, as well as to be the embodiment of a tradition to which her countrymen owe as much as she owes to it. The qualities which inspire this sentiment were shown in a family background in which the Queen is exceptionally fortunate.

The British monarchy in its modern form, that is to say accepted and respected, dates from the reign of Queen Victoria. Under the earlier rulers of the House of Hanover the Crown had become thoroughly discredited, and although the situation improved for a time under George III, his son and successor, George IV, set a very bad example indeed.

The low repute into which the Throne fell at the time



HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

created a widespread belief that Queen Victoria would be the last English sovereign. Then the unexpected happened, and her quite exceptional talents so proved that the monarchy was as necessary to the industrial State of the 19th century as it had been in an earlier age.

Its direct political power of necessity diminished with the growing complexity of administration, but its indirect influence increased out of all recognition.

It was a period of middle-class predominance, and the Queen won its allegiance, thereby preventing that class from drifting into republicanism as happened in more than one Continental country.

It may place a few unthinking people to sneer at the Victorian era for its alleged dullness, but had Queen Victoria not realised the importance of the Crown as a unifying force it might easily have become an age of strife and disunion.

Above all, she understood so really the new responsibilities of Empire, as was seen at the Diamond Jubilee in 1897.

Then, in 1901, came King Edward VII, one of the ablest monarchs to sit on the British or any other throne. He proceeded to abandon some of the extravagance that had characterised his mother's reign, and more romantic kings of England than thereby broadened the basis

upon which the monarchy itself rested.

Society in the Victorian era despised what it called trade, and the pages of contemporary novelists contain many examples of such prejudice. It was, incidentally, a somewhat illogical attitude, in view of the fact that what was termed society was largely composed of the children and grandchildren of the profiteers of the Napoleonic Wars.

An Example

KING Edward VII and his son set their faces against any such folly. In their reigns the sovereign once more delighted to honour any who showed themselves worthy, whatever might have been their origin. They made the Crown national again on its social side. Had their example been followed abroad there would be more thrones in Europe today.

King George V was destined to have little rest during his 26 years' reign from 1910 to 1936, for he was called upon to deal with the first world war and its disturbed aftermath.

Much of the secret history of that period is still of necessity undisclosed, but one thing there can be no question: there have been able and more romantic kings of England than King George V but there has

never been one with a greater sense of duty. It is arguable that he by no means always took the right course, but he certainly never acted from an unworthy motive. He lacked many of his father's virtues, as well as one or two of his weaknesses, but when all the facts are known the verdict of history may well be that he saved the British monarchy in an age of revolution.

New Links

LASTLY, there is the late King, George VI. He came to the Throne in unhappy circumstances which are too well known to call for description here, but by his interpretation of his duties he forged new links between the Royal Family and the people of Britain.

The great contribution which the Throne made to the national life during his reign was to provide a symbol of stability and continuity in a changing world, and just the right impression was made by the spectacle of its occupant doing his duty quietly and unostentatiously.

On all sides there was a deplorable lack of unity; everywhere the politicians were stressing what keeps men apart rather than what brings them together, but King George VI saw to it that the Crown was at once the emblem and the hope of a more sane state of affairs.

What history will say of him remains to be seen, but of one thing there can surely be no doubt—he left the monarchy a great deal stronger than he found it.

In this task it would be impossible to exaggerate the assistance he received from his consort, now Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.

More Experience

SUCH is the background of the new Queen. In addition she has herself already crowded into her 23 years more experience than probably any of her subjects of the same age. Nor is this experience confined to the British Isles and to Europe, for she has visited both Africa and America. In effect, she enjoys all the advantages both of heredity and of upbringing.

Finally, she is married to Prince Philip of Greece and Denmark, now Duke of Edinburgh. He comes from one of the oldest and most capable royal families in the world, and it has given monarchs to Denmark, Greece, and Norway.

The greatly loved Queen, Alexandra, the consort of King Edward VII, was a member of the same royal house, as is the Duchess of Kent. In our time the Duke of Edinburgh's cousin, King George II, of the Hellenes, was Britain's loyal and constant ally in the recent war.

Such is the heritage and such is the occupant of the throne today.

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THE SOVEREIGN'S
ROYAL POWERS**

Folkestone Inventor's Anti-Snoring Gadget

By J. W. TAYLOR

INVENTIONS to stop snoring, no matter how bad the weather; to extract gold from sea-water or from wheat; a rocking-chair vacuum-cleaner; reversible trousers; bayonets for aeroplanes; aluminium bibs, and waterproof wristbands to interconnect "the moisture running down the hands and wrists when eating crayfish" are among some of the curious ideas patented in London during the past hundred years.

Their specifications have been on show to the general public in a centenary exhibition organised by the Patent Office.

The anti-snoring gadget was patented by a Folkestone man in 1831. It consists of an electric circuit with a low-powered battery that is attached to the snorer's wrist. A microphone, responsive to the "low frequencies generated by a person snoring," sounds an extremely loud electric bell close to him.

"It has been found," the inventor wrote, "that by the use of such a device the more fact that the bell or other alarm will be operated by the person snoring in some cases has such an effect on the sub-conscious mind as to stop the person snoring at all."

But should that not happen the snorer is wakened by the peal of the bell, and if even that fails, he may resolve a

"light tap or blow" from a sharp or blunt instrument, whichever is most effective.

Forty-four years earlier, a Mr. Herbert John Heddam, of London, had an idea based on more or less the same principle "to be applied to coffee and the like for the saving of buried living persons." This describes an apparatus whereby the breathing of these accidentally buried alive would start an electric bell ringing.

To avoid sea-sickness, according to the patent of a French physician, all that is needed is for passengers to be placed on a kind of contrivance filled with steam. The contrivance is connected to the main supply by an ingenious "four-way cock" which blows more steam in when the ship falls, and less when it rises, so that the passengers on top of the gadget do not, in theory, feel any motion at all. Strange that such a simple, economic device should not have been regularised to overcome a universal scourge.

Another invention of 1854 does away with the disastrous effects of collisions at sea: merely ships' buoys which, on impact, reverse the direction of the engine.

The reversible trousers, patented by a London tailor in 1807, were designed to equalise the wear, and were cut alike behind and in front.

The hygienic aluminium bib (it could also be made of silver for wealthy clients) looked rather like a Household Cavalryman's breastplate, with

a trough along the lower edge to catch the near menses.

To increase personal energy, another inventor proposed copper and zinc sheets in footwear so that the moisture of the feet would make a voltaic cell.

A rocking-chair which estimated a suction bellows connected to a pipe whose other end lay on the carpet enabled the indolent housewife to read the paper in comfort and sweep up the dirt at the same time.

These curiosities form only a small part of the display, which largely concentrates on the outstanding scientific and industrial devices which have changed our way of life in the past hundred years—the motor car, the aeroplane, and the aerial bomb; Fleming's 1904 wireless valve; Parsons' 1894 steam turbine; Baird's television; Whittaker's jet propulsion; Watson-Watt's radar; nuclear fission and atomic energy.

One million inventions have been recorded since the earliest known English patent was granted in 1440 by Henry the Sixth to John of Upton for stained glass for the windows in the King's chapel at Eton and Cambridge.

Until the Patent Office was installed in 1852, the granting of patents was an exceedingly complicated affair, involving numerous visits to sixteen offices. At two of the stages, the Sovereign's personal signature was required. The 1852 Act simplified the process, and reduced the registration fee from £100 to £25.

MADCAPS PULL OFF THE SURPRISE OF THE WEEK TO BEAT SOUTH CHINA

By "KEYSTONE"

Slamming the ball with some of the gusto and deadly accuracy of former years, the still unpredictable Madcaps pulled off the biggest surprise of recent months by handing out a crushing 10-4 defeat to the once League-leading South China outfit yesterday.

In the other Senior "A" Division tilt of the week-end, the Braves overcame a first-inning deficit of three big runs to snatch a 9-5 decision from the Saints in a hard-fought encounter. Their latest success puts the Tribe into undisputed first place position in this League, with South China one step behind.

The three front-running teams in the red-hot Senior "B" Division pennant race each picked up another easy win over the week-end.

The struggling Americans trampled the lowly Warriors 15-0, while the Blackhaws had an equally easy time shouldering aside the Red Sox.

Albert Chong's Pandas gave the Hexes a tooth-and-nail fight before succumbing 15-13. By virtue of their wins, the Delawares, Americans and Hexes are now closely bunched together in a tight three-way tie for first place, with the ever-dangerous Blackhaws still very much in the picture, winging along hard on the heels of the League-leaders.

BRILLIANT BALL

Playing brilliant ball to match the weather, Buster Hollands' Macs, far behind in the League race with four losses so far, outplayed and outthrew the South China boys with 12 hits to two, cashing in on 10 of their blows to tumble South China from their exalted first place in the Senior "A" League.

Madcapper Bob Nunes started things in fine style with a neat bingle into centre, reaching the midway station when centrefielder P.H. Lee bobbled the apple.

Will Newcastle Achieve The Hat Trick?

Not since 1880, when Blackburn Rovers triumphed, has a club in the Football Association Challenge Cup won in three successive seasons, yet all Tyneside is convinced that Newcastle United will complete this hat-trick at Wembley next May.

In the "60s" a few clubs dominated soccer so that a hat-trick was not the tremendous achievement that it would be in these days of increased competition.

Newcastle should tackle their third round Cup battle with Swansea next Saturday (January 10) with confidence. They beat the Welsh side in the fifth round last season.

Those who think that three successive wins is impossible these days are picking among other powerful first league sides for the Cup favourites, and Newcastle's near neighbours, Sunderland, are strongly favoured. They are having their best season for some years, their strength being in the power of their attack led by Trevor Ford. They too should make no mistake with a home match against Southampton.

Only the most biased would leave Arsenal out of the reckoning. Injuries spoiled their chances in the 1952 final, yet they fought splendidly against Newcastle. Again in form and well in the league championship race, Arsenal look set for a home win against Doncaster Rovers, who should be well served by the skill and experience of their player-manager, Peter Doherty.

GREATLY IMPROVED

Two other powerful sides who started poorly but have greatly improved are Manchester United and Tottenham Hotspur. Millwall, although having a hard nut for the United to crack, but Tottenham, in the lower half of the Northern Section, should not prove too troublesome at home to Spurs.

Two of the main Midlands' hopes have difficult tasks. Wolverhampton Wanderers travel to Preston, one of Lancashire's best prospects, and West Bromwich Albion journey to West Ham, one of the most improved League II sides.

Great interest will be centred in the fate of the two courageous amateur sides, Finchley and Walthamstow. After their convincing win over Crystal Palace, Finchley will not be deterred by their visit to Shrewsbury, of League III. Walthamstow, amateur cup holders, have a good chance in their home tie with Stockport (Northern Section). A "glut killing" double by the amateurs would be highly popular with everybody except those who think that the F.A. Cup should be a purely professional competition with the amateurs appearing on their own property.—Reuter.

Eric Remedios was issued a walk to first, and scored together with Nunes when Bernard Silva bloopered one into right which was badly fumbled.

South China retaliated quickly enough when, with two away, P. H. Lee drew a base on balls, stole second and third in rapid succession, and dented the plate when Y. T. Chan's drive along the third base-line went right through Edo Almeida.

The Caps went one run further ahead in the third-inning when Joey Grace was given a life by second-sacker Y. T. Chan and subsequently crossed the rubber on a line-drive off the bat of Bernard Silva.

However, the next batter up lined out to third and the snap-relay over to first beat Silva back to the bag for a snappy twin-killing.

BIG INNING

The big Madcaps inning was the fatal fourth when five back-breaking runs were scored on five successive hits, including Bob Nunes' two-run double to left.

The Caps forged farther to the front with another brace of runs on an equal number of hits during the fifth and sixth innings.

Garnering two more solid blows in their last time at bat, the Madcaps relaxed their efforts towards the end, leaving two runners on third and second without any run being scored. The Chinese boys had their moment in the sixth frame when they pushed three runs across on one single blow which, incidentally, was the first of the moosey two hits they managed to muster for the entire game.

First-base guardian C.W. Tsang was passed on balls and pilfered second. P. H. Lee sacrificed him down to scoring position at third for the first out, and Y.T. Chan popped up to third base for the second down. Y. K. Chan then came through with a clutch drive to right, scoring Tsang and advancing to second when the next batter was given a free base for being bearded by the ball.

Fireballer Joey Grace, sweating out a tough inning, faltered to pass the next two batters on bad pitches, allowing one run in the process. The following was also winged by an erratic pitcher and awarded first base to push another run across, making a total of three runs scored by South China after two away.

Shortstop Rabbit Leung, faced with choked sacks and the chance to pull the game out of the fire, failed to come through with the goods, grounding lamely to third for the last out of the eventful inning.

TOOK THE HEART OUT

This sudden desertion by Lady Luck seemed to take the heart out of the Chinese boys and, though starting off at the top of their batting order again, they could not break into the scoring column in their final turn at the plate although they had two runners on base.

Madcap pitcher Joey Grace had a really satisfying day on the mound, chucking hard ball to limit the willow-weak Chinese outfit to two skippy bingles.

Losing pitcher P. C. Wong, although issuing only one walk, seemed to have trouble with control and just could not find the unreachable corners of the plate.

The slug-happy Caps jumped on his fat "nothing" pitch to poke out an even dozen hits, with Alec Braga, Bob Nunes and Bernie Silva contributing a brace each to the total while leftfielder Freddie Vas put up an astounding four in four performance to steal batting honours for the week-end.

In their afternoon encounter with the Braves, Arturo Ozorio's Saints veterans took off with a flying start from the first pitch, manufacturing three good-looking runs on two solid blows off the bats of Showboat Ali and Dave Leonard.

This auspicious start had the bleachers buzzing with speculation on a second upset in the Senior "A" League. But this was not to be, as in their time at bat the rampaging Braves counter-punched with staggering force, running up four lead-regaining runs also on two hits by Doc Gutierrez and lefty Bud Doherty.

Encouraged by this, the Tribe then readjusted their head-positions and settled down

to steady, run-producing ball, gradually extending their lead with one run each in the second and the third innings while blanketing the efforts of their opponents.

SLAPPED THE PILL

The Saints edged back into the picture with a big fourth-inning when hindsnatcher Khan slapped the pill over second and advanced on Arturo Ozorio's skipping grounder to third which resulted in an error.

Benny Omar dropped a sacrifice-bunt to push the runs into scoring position, then Showboat Ali smacked his second hit of the day into the same short-centre spot to drive in the two runners.

Clinging on to their slim 6-5 lead through their scoreless fourth, the Braves heaved a collective sigh of relief only after the fifth canto when they latched on to Saints hurler Sherry Bucks' slow teasers and tamed the horsehide with three rebounding blows.

Junior Remedios blasted the apple out to the leftfield gardens for a rousing two-bagger to get on. The next two batters went down on feeble infield flies but, with two down, Manuel Gutierrez laid down a beautiful surprise bunt which scored the runner and landed him safely on first with the pitcher and third baseman sprawled in a tangle of arms and legs over the elusive ball.

Lanky catcher Frankie Correa then poled a drive into centre, and Gutierrez scored from second when the ball was heaved in wildy. The rally finally broke out when pitcher Billy Guterres grounded to shortstop for the final down. The Tribe cashed an insurance run on another hit in the last frame when chucker Chapline Remedios knocked out a hit to right as a final humiliating gesture, scampering all the way down to third base when the ball eluded the clutches of George Saunders.

Second-sacker Eddie Loureiro lifted the ball into deep left and Remedios tagged up to cleat the dish with lots to spare after the catch was executed.

STOLE THE THUNDER

Stealing all the thunder from the heavy-swinging Saints, the Tribe collected an impressive total of nine hits to the opposition's four. Doc Gutierrez and Chapline Remedios being credited with two safeties apiece.

The usually booming artillery of the St Joseph's squad was dimly inarticulate in the face of the slick hurling dish up by Tribesman Chapline Remedios. Their latest defeat dumps the Saints one step down to the fourth rung and considerably dims pennant-hopes for the veteran outfit.

Senior Division battling highlights over the busy softball week-end were "Babe Ruth Specials" by Jack Bordwell of the Americans, K. Vieira of the Warriors, George Ribeiro of the Tribes, and pitcher A.R. Salleh of the Hexes, A. Souza and Manuel Nunes of the Blackhaws, the latter exceeding his quota with an extra home-run to top off a record-shattering, batting performance of four in four, with two round-trippers thrown in for good measure.

THE SCORES

Ladies' Division: South China 3, Pool 10 to 17; Pool 2 to 3, Wahles 6.
Junior Division: Pandas 9; Dodgers 8; 35 Bantams 5, Blackhaws 10.
Senior "B" Division: Warriors 9, Americans 15; Wildfires 1, Delawares 11; Hexes 15, Pandas 13; Red Sox 5, Blackhaws 15.
Senior "A" Division: South China 4, Madcaps 10; Braves 9, St. Joseph's 5.

TEAM STANDINGS

Senior "A" Division	P	W	L	Perc.
Braves	7	0	2	.750
South China	6	3	3	.667
Warriors	5	3	3	.625
St. Joseph's	10	0	4	.600
Pandas	10	0	5	.600
Madcaps	7	3	4	.428
Jaguars	7	2	5	.286
CAA	8	2	6	.250
US Navy	7	1	6	.143
Senior "B" Division	P	W	L	Perc.
Delawares	10	8	2	.800
Americans	10	7	2	.700
Hexes	10	7	2	.700
Blackhaws	10	7	3	.700
Wildfires	9	3	5	.333
Red Sox	9	2	7	.222
Pandas	10	2	7	.200
Warriors	9	1	8	.111

*Teams each with one regulation drawn game.

SOME ARE FAST - MOVERS



When they started the Under-Sixes off on a flat race at the KCC Children's Sports, some ran and some didn't. Some couldn't even decide who the starter was, expecting the man with the flag to shake a rabbit out of it. But it was still a close race in front.—China Mail Photo.

Into A Hat Went All 54 Numbers And Out Came The £75,000 Prize

By GEORGE CHANDLER

London, Jan. 4.

A series of upset results in English league soccer during the past few weeks has produced an unusual number of £75,000 prize winners in the soccer pools, and most of them were persons of moderate circumstances.

One announcement of how the big prize was won left most soccer experts withered and embarrassed faces. The lucky winner was 43-year-old George Ellis, who was earning £7 a week as a motor fitter.

Ellis admitted that he knew little about soccer, his wife even less, so he hit upon an idea. Into a hat went all the 54 numbers on a pool coupon. "The Ellis' fair haired, pleasant faced daughter Barbara drew out the numbers of the eight teams required for the treble chance calling for a forecast of eight draws.

Each week they invested £8. On a coupon, always listing the same numbers, and nobody was more surprised than the Ellis family when they received a telegram informing them they had forecast eight correct results.

The lucky forecast, however, did not change the mode of life of this motor fitter. "I can't be working," Ellis said. "We will have a bigger house, but the kids will have to work for what they can get."

Another big prize winner was James Cook, 46-year-old truck driver, but unlike the Ellis who triumphed in their first soccer season, Cook had to wait 10 years.

This prize was more than welcome as he had just recovered from a long illness. Needless to say, he intends to take a holiday in the sunshine and then consider how he plans to use his big fortune.

A £10,000 prize also acted as a tonic to Archibald Phillips, 50-year-old factory floor sweeper who is deaf and dumb and for the past two months has been unable to go to work because of a bad chest.

But Phillips plans to return to his job at the Tate and Lyle Sugar refinery in London's East End as soon as his doctor will allow him.

SAFE WAS SAFER

Other pool winners in recent weeks have experienced some strange turns of luck. Leonard Harrison, a Yorkshire coal-miner, is a typical example. Harrison received a telegram from a pools firm informing him that he had won a prize of £2,757 in the treble chance. The following day the postman delivered a letter containing a cheque for £2757. His chagrin was indescribable when an investigation disclosed that the post office in their telegram had made an error by adding

£6,000 to the amount named by the pools firm.

A real misfortune befell E. Cluremont, winner of a £400 prize. "I decided not to put the money in the safe in case anyone broke in," he said. "I stuffed it away between some tin plates in my tool room."

The next day he went into the tool room and discovered that a small fire had burnt all the notes, leaving but 20 charred remnants which he took to the local bank in the hope of getting some of them replaced.

The biggest talking point of soccer fans last month, however, is the Smeeton family of Manchester, who are regarded as the unluckiest in the world in their efforts to win a big prize.

TWICE TOO LATE

Twice in three weeks Thomas Smeeton mailed correct forecasts for the treble chance, which normally would have netted him a total of £150,000 for his two efforts. But in each instance the pools firm said the coupons arrived too late, the first on a Monday and the second on a Tuesday, many hours after the Saturday afternoon deadline.

One of the winning coupons was sent to the pools firm by the post office authorities who attached a note saying that the letter containing the coupon had been found in the bottom of an empty mail bag.

This big disappointment is due to the strict security system which the pools promoters enforce to safeguard the £1,000,000 which flows into their offices each Saturday.

In earlier years a postal date stamp was accepted as proof that the coupon had been mailed before Friday morning—even though it might arrive at a pools office after the results were known on Saturday afternoon.

This system, however, resulted in a number of fraudulent entries and caused the pools firms to revise their rules on the mailing of coupons. Today, a coupon arriving at the office later than 5 p.m. Saturday is automatically disqualified.

The two missing coupons sent in by the Smeetons still remain a mystery, but the affair is being investigated. A spokesman for Vernon's Pools, one of the promoters concerned, said: "The Smeeton matter is now out of our hands and is being investigated by the post office. We have no comment whatsoever to make."—United Press.

Sedgman And McGregor Could Have Profitably Remained Amateurs

Melbourne, Jan. 4.

The Australian tennis stars, Frank Sedgman and Ken McGregor, could have retained their amateur status and received a string of service stations in addition to jobs worth up to £A5,000 a year, according to Sir Norman Brookes, President of the Australian Lawn Tennis Association.

Sir Norman said tonight that last year he and Sir Frank Beaurepaire, a prominent Melbourne businessman and sports patron, had offered Sedgman and McGregor "a string of service stations under the name of Sedgman-McGregor" with the support of rubber and oil companies.—Reuter.

IN LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles, Jan. 4. The Australian tennis stars, Frank Sedgman and Ken McGregor, arrived in Los Angeles and were scheduled to sign a \$100,000 contract today to turn professional.

They will sign a contract with the former U.S. Champion, Jack Kramer, and the Pro Champion, Pancho Segura. The contract provides that Sedgman will get \$75,000 and McGregor \$25,000 for the tour they will make with Kramer and Segura throughout South America, Australia, Europe, Africa and New Zealand.

The Aussies, who arrived this morning, went to the Pan-Pacific Auditorium in the afternoon for the signing and exhibition. They would demonstrate to aspiring players how to wield the racket. They will make their professional debut on Tuesday and

Wednesday nights in Los Angeles. They will play on Saturday and Sunday in Madison Square Garden, New York. They have almost 30 matches to March 1.

In New York, Jack Kramer, 31-year-old king of tennis pros, thinks he can handle Frank Sedgman of Australia and prove that there is nothing wrong with American tennis.

"I got one good tour left in me," said Kramer weeks ago when he was sitting tight on a more or less "secret" verbal agreement with Sedgman and Ken McGregor to hit the pro trail. He said, "I am sure I will be just the player since Ted Schroeder and Pancho Gonzales to handle Sedgman."

ALL THAT MATTERS

Kramer is convinced that he will be in shape for the grueling grind on American

Lindwall And Miller Provide New Ground For Argument

London, Jan. 4.

The bowling tactics of Ray Lindwall and Keith Miller in Australia have been another incentive to those who are now busily plotting and planning here that England may at least restore her cricket prestige, if not regain the Ashes, when the Australians come to Britain next year.

Despite the snow and ice of true winter, and the calls and thrill of football these days, cricket still commands a deal of attention in British sporting circles, for it is generally felt that England's hopes and prospects in the next Test series with Australia have never been so bright in years.

The Australian pace attack still takes pride of place as the main threat to England in most discussions.

The fact that Lindwall and Miller have lately evolved a new attacking formula for their opening overs with the new ball by having two men in the gully, three slips and two leg slips making, with the wicket-keeper, an arc of eight men behind the wicket, has given the experts here new grounds for argument.

ANSWER TO THE BAN

Many feel that this opening field with only two men in front of the wicket—one at cover, and the other at forward short-leg—is not so much a new theory being practised in preparation for the Tests here but is an answer, primarily, to Australia's ban on bumpers.

Yet the chance of this opening field being introduced as another gambit in the Australian bid to retain the Ashes is not being overlooked.

Some argue that bowling to such a field on English pitches might prove too costly a venture, for once the ball passes through the cordon of eight men, it could be generally assumed that it would mean four runs.

A batsman, confident of stroke and quick of eye and feet, could reap commensurate dividends against such an attack.

English campaigners, while paying attention to the strategy and form of the Australian attack, spare time to consider what bowling strength is going to be available for trapping the tourists' batsmen.

Most debatable point is the potential threat of Freddie Trueman, the young Yorkshire pace bowler. In hoping that he might prove to be a new modern Harold Larwood, there are many who readily admit that bowling averages can be misleading and that Trueman has not yet been tested to the full by men who have proved their worth against pace bowling.

PLAYING FOOTBALL

While Lindwall and Miller are developing new tactics and trying out new theories, Trueman is, of course, playing football at the moment. But he will soon be "gearing himself up" to show whether he is the fast, aggressive bowler that will give England her chance, and

the type of bowler she has been seeking for so long.

No young bowler could be better placed for justifying himself than Trueman. He will be "under the wing" of both Len Hutton, who is almost certain to be England's captain, and Norman Yardley, former England captain and now a selector, for they all three play for Yorkshire.

All eyes will certainly be focused on Trueman the moment the cricket season opens. He can not only become the spearhead of the English attack, but he can also render invaluable assistance by giving the English batsmen practice in finding a counter to the pace attack of Lindwall and Miller.—Reuter.

GREAT ANXIETY

Great anxiety has been expressed in some quarters recently by the fact that Trueman is playing football this winter.

Many think that Trueman's pace bowling could be the deciding factor in next summer's cricket Test series with Australia, and an injury to Brian Close, the Yorkshire and England all-rounder, while playing at centre-forward for Bradford City recently, has increased the concern.

During the last few weeks, when Trueman has been playing centre-forward for Lincoln City, a number of cricket lovers, including some Yorkshire Committee members, have expressed anxiety lest he should so injure himself as to be below 100 per cent fitness for bowling.

Much as the spirit which has moved these sentiments is appreciated, surely nothing is more unfair to Trueman than for him to be told that he must go into "cold storage" for the winter.

The fact that the origin of Denis Compton's knee trouble was on the football field.

SCORES OF NAMES

English sporting history contains the names of scores of other men who were able to combine first class cricket and soccer—some, like Andy Ducat, Patry Hendren, and Harry Makepeace, were internationals at both—without ill effects.

In any case, if Trueman plays games like any normal healthy young man of his age, he will probably emerge from the winter keener in mind and body than if he shuns anything at which he might get hurt.

In all the agitation about Trueman, many seem to overlook that another fast bowler, Trevor Bailey, of Essex, regularly plays soccer for Walthamstow Avenue, last season's Amateur Cup winners.

Bailey and Close, two of the seven all-rounders who did the "double" of 1,000 runs and 100 wickets last season, must stand good chances of playing against Australia again. Their prospects, like those of Trueman, will not be improved by wrapping them up for the winter to think about it.—Reuter.

EDGAR BRITT WILL NOT RETIRE

Sydney, Jan. 5. The Australian jockey, Edgar Britt, who has ridden with remarkable success in western India and Britain, said last night that he had no immediate plans for retiring from the saddle.

He said that at one time he had intended to retire at 40—giving him another year's riding.

"But I have changed my mind because I don't feel that I am going to be an old man at 40," he said.

"I am not retiring while I have good health and can ride winners."

Edgar Britt is visiting Australia to inspect a new property, the Mellon Park Stud, which he owns with Mr. Harold Jones, a retired Australian jockey, who is now the stud manager.—Reuter.

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"PAKHOR"	Kobe	4 p.m. 5th Jan.
"BOOCHOW"	Kobe	4 p.m. 5th Jan.
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"FENGKING"	Yokohama & Sandakan	10th Jan.
"FENGKING"	Singapore	10th Jan.
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"PYRRHUS"	Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow	6th Feb.
"AUTOMEDON"	Dublin & Liverpool	23rd Feb.
"ATHEUS"	London, Rotterdam & Hamburg	24th Feb.

Scheduled Sailings from Europe

Sails		
G. "ASCANIUS"	Liverpool	10th Jan.
G. "AGAPENOR"	do	10th Jan.
G. "PYRRHUS"	do	10th Jan.
G. "ASCANIUS"	do	10th Jan.
G. "AUTOMEDON"	do	10th Jan.
G. "ATHEUS"	5th Jan.	10th Jan.
G. "PERSEUS"	10th Jan.	10th Jan.
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"BENCRUACHAN"	Japan 10th Feb.
"BENALDER"	U.K. via Singapore 14th Feb.

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"BENROCH"	Direct to Singapore, thence G e n o a, London, Hull and Hamburg. 20th Jan.
"BENATTOW"	Kure, Kobe and S a n d a k a n. 21st Jan.
"BENMIOR"	Singapore, Haiphong, London, Rotterdam and Hull. 5th Feb.
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To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer's examination of the goods.
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Agents. Hongkong, 5th January, 1953.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

A. S. "TAIYUAN"

arrd 21st December, 1952

Damaged cargo on this vessel will be surveyed by Messrs Goddard & Douglas at Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf Godown at 10.00 a.m. on Monday, 5th January and Tuesday, 6th January, 1953, and consignees representatives are requested to be present during survey.

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"Pick Up" Play Girls Suspended By School

London, Jan. 4.
Two 14-year-old fourth-formers have been suspended from a leading London girls' grammar school for taking part in an amateur production of "Pick-up Girl," the teen-age sex problem play.

Sybil Lishner and Valaida Howell arrived as usual at Mary Datchelor's School, Cambridge, set up in 1877 by the Clothworkers' Company. They were told to wait while a staff meeting was held.
Then Miss R. N. Pearce, headmistress, sent them home by car and told them to stay away from school for two days.

"In the meantime," said a school spokesman, "Miss Pearce is consulting the board of governors. We can say nothing about the girls' futures."
The two girls are members of the New Cross Empire's Sport and Dramatic Club, formed by Mr. J. Grant Anderson, the theatre's owner.

He chose "Pick-up Girl" to play this week for local charities. Every night after homework Sybil, who is described as an excellent scholar, has played the role of Ruby Lockwood, a "good-time girl."

Onstage, she wears heavy make-up, a pencil-thin skirt, gold earrings, edge-shoes. It is her first stage role, though, said her mother: "Sybil died beautifully as Julius Caesar in the school play."

She added: "I don't understand what the fuss is about, but I gather the headmistress thinks the part is too unsuitably adult for a girl of her age."

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To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 5th January, 1953, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 10th January, 1953, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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Agents. Hongkong, 5th January, 1953.

It's Now Official

Paris, Jan. 4.
The former French Communist leader Andre Marty, 60, has now been expelled from the French Communist Party, party officials announced tonight.

The Communist Federation of the Seine Department (Greater Paris) ratified the decision taken on December 30 by the committee of Marty's branch in the 13th District of Paris.

The federation announced the expulsion tonight. Marty was removed from his party offices and denounced for "fractional activity" last September.—Reuter.

Duke Back At School

Geneva, Jan. 4.
The Duke of Kent, 17, arrived here by air today from London. He left immediately for the winter sports resort of Gstaad to join his school, La Rosay, which moves there from Lausanne every winter.—Reuter.

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"CHUSAN"	20th January	17th February
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Homewards	Leaves Hongkong	Due London
"CARTHAGE"	10th January	10th February
"CORFU"	11th February	14th March
"CHUSAN"	11th February	20th March

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"SHILLONG"	10th January	Japan
Homewards	Sails	For
"SUNDA"	6th January	Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Aden, Port Said, Genoa, Marseilles, Casablanca, Tripoli, London, Antwerp, Rotterdam & Hamburg

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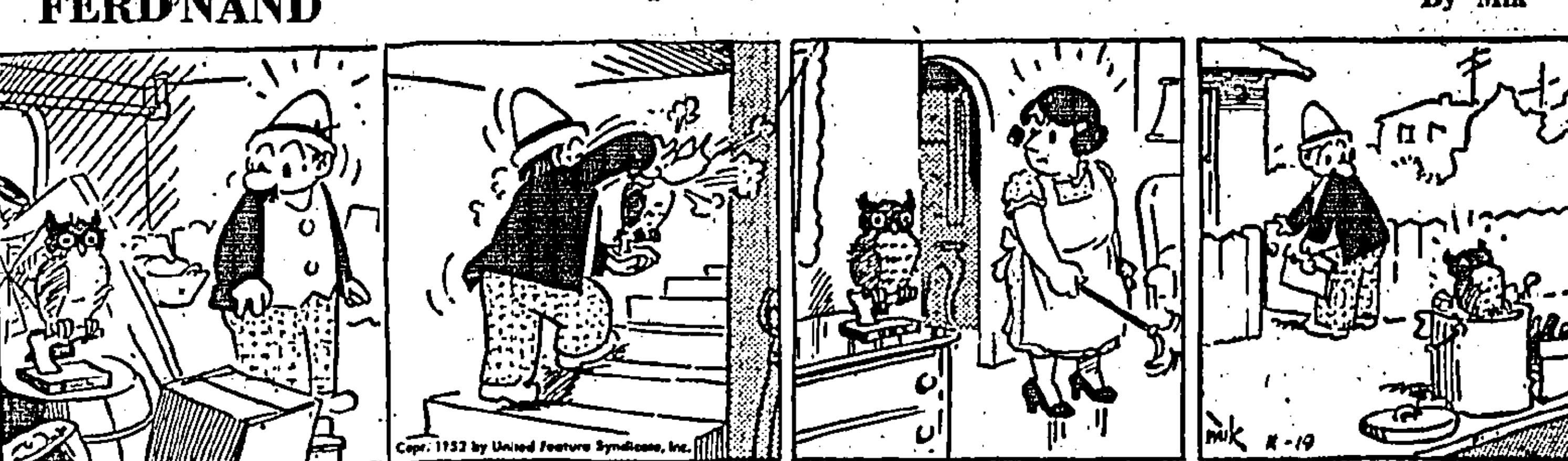
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BLIND GIRL KNOWS FIVE LANGUAGES

Marianna Wilks will be late for the first term at Heidelberg University. She called from Harwell after a two months' visit to Berlin and left behind her M.A. railway men, and factory workers full of admiration and amazement.

Brilliant would describe any girl who had achieved what Marianna has at the age of 22. But for her it has been much more difficult. She was born blind.

She began at the University in May, 1949, now holds an English and Italian B.A. And when she finishes her course this year she will sit for her M.A. in English. Later she goes to Italy for more study.

When she was eight Marianna started to play the piano and since then has been an accomplished organist.

Music is one of her hobbies. The others include astronomy, theology, literature, anthropology, and listening to the BBC's Third Programme—her favourite.

This has been Marianna's third visit to Britain in four years. She has been staying at an international hotel in Harwell, and has visited Shakespeare's birthplace, Stratford-upon-Avon, the Bodleian Library, Westminster College, for Blind Boys, the Royal Institute for the Blind at Edinburgh, a school for backward children, an engineering works and a newspaper office.

She is an only child, and her home is at Harwell, a small village near Oxford. Her father is an iron mill fitter.

She hopes to get a job with UNO or the diplomatic service, probably as an interpreter.

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